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ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Baird, D/TR  
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1. VIP Tour to

It was concluded that VIP tours should be conducted by a representative either of the Clandestine Services Training Committee or the Office of Training. Future arrangements will be coordinated in each case.

2. Rotation of Personnel to the Office of Training

The Director of Training reported that many of the personnel made available on paper to the Office of Training by various DD/P divisions as possible candidates for duty with OTR were not in fact available. Many of these personnel are still overseas while others have accepted assignment elsewhere. The CS Training Committee agreed to reopen this question within DD/P.

3. Registrar's Report

CS Training Committee recommended that the Registrar's report reflect course capacities as well as course enrollments in each case. OTR agreed that this would be done.

4. Reply to Messrs. re Basic Orientation

In response to CS Training Committee's questions on Basic Orientation, OTR reported that the third week of the course dealing with communism was not conducted at a too high level. A review of student

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grades for this part of the course indicated that the incidence of failure was as low as 5 to 6% which compared favorably with grade levels achieved by students in the two preceding weeks of the course. It was agreed that the pace of instruction was too rapid which gave rise to CS Training Committee criticism that some of the material covered in the examinations had not been covered in the material furnished to students either in lectures or in supplemental reading.

It was generally agreed that a lengthening of this course would be beneficial to slow down the pace; to expand the coverage of the USSR, historically and sociologically; to provide more study time and more seminar discussions between students and instructors.

As a result of this conclusion, OTR requested CS Training Committee to consider lengthening of the course by one week, and further, the effects of this increase on the total time allotted to basic training. CS Training Committee agreed to consider this problem in the light of its plans to revise the Clandestine Services' training standards and report its recommendations to OTR at a future date.

5. Clerical Training for Headquarters Personnel

The CS Training Committee reported that the proposal from WH Division for clerical training arose out of a lack of knowledge of OTR training programs currently in existence. This brought up the need for a full-time training officer for WH Division.

6. Functions of the Clandestine Services Training Committee

Clandestine Services Training Committee reported that the DD/P wants CS Training Committee to be the official channel within DD/P on all training matters. D/TR requested Chairman, CS Training Committee to raise this point for discussion at the Chief of Operations, DD/P, Staff Meeting.

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The D/TR announced that [REDACTED] in transferring to DD/P would become the DD/P training officer for a temporary period to strengthen DD/P training action and the CS Training Committee.

7. Basic Counterespionage: Substance and Evaluation

CS Training Committee reported that the course objective for the Basic Counterespionage course had been well met and that there are no substantive disagreements on the part of the students with the doctrine and theory in the course. The presentation on foreign intelligence services was found to be particularly valuable. Some

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objections were raised regarding the student evaluations as being not sharply explicit. It was agreed that future problems of this nature should be discussed with the school head and instructor prior to meetings with CS Training Committee and OTR in order that discussion could be confined to the unresolved issues.

8. Report on Training Liaison Officers' Meeting

CS Training Committee reported that the DD/P Division Training Officers' Meeting resulted in:

- a) action leading to the development of requirements for the Southeast Asian Survival course.
- b) agreement that absence from [REDACTED] would henceforth be negotiated at headquarters with OTR through CS Training Committee.
- c) unfavorable reaction to the evaluations policy paper with respect to the point of inclusion of Part II of the evaluations in the individual's personnel folder.

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OTR pointed out that its policy on this point was based on the principle of protecting the individual from misinterpretation of the subjective rating in circumstances other than those governing the training situation in which the individual was being evaluated.

9. Recommendations for a Course in Effective Writing

CS Training Committee passed to OTR a recommendation for the development of a course in effective writing for its consideration and comment.

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10. [REDACTED] Summer Seminar on Southeast Asia

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D/TR announced the proposal by [REDACTED] to offer a summer seminar on Southeast Asia beginning in June 1955. CS Training Committee was advised that Agency support to [REDACTED] was required in order to offer the seminar, and that D/TR in seeking DCI approval required justification of the program not only in terms of its value to Agency participants, but also in terms of its value to DD/P operations. CS Training Committee agreed to assist OTR in arriving at an appraisal of the potential value of such a course to the Agency in each respect.

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